

## OUR Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

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Don't measure a Clearance Sale merely by price basis. That's an unfair way to treat your purse. Price is only important as it is related to quality. We carry the highest grade of Merchandise the market affords—the best of everything—and we make it a rule at the end of each season to clean up all our broken lines at big though legitimate price reductions. We never carry over Merchandise to another season. We have marked down all our broken lines of

## Suits, Overcoats, Trousers, Caps Mackinaws, Sweater Underwear, Etc.

**\$20 and \$18 Suits and Overcoats \$13.75**  
**\$15 and \$13.50 Suits and Overcoats \$10.75**  
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Men's **\$1.00** Fleeced Union Suits Sale **78c**  
Men's **\$1.50** Brown Wool Shirts and Drawers **\$1.15**  
Men's **\$1.00** Sweaters, brown, grey or red, **69c**  
Men's **\$1.25** and **\$1.00** Flannel Shirts **88c**

Boys' **\$5.00** and **\$6.00** Suits, one lot only **\$2.75**  
Boys' **\$5.50** and **\$5.00** Suits, 2 pr. pants **\$3.98**  
Boys' **\$4.50** and **\$4.00** Suits, 2 pr. pants **\$2.98**  
Boys' **\$1.00** Quality Knicker Pants, Sale **58c**  
Boys' **25c** Heavy Ribbed Hose, Sale **19c**

## LUTHER S. JEWETT

Citizens Bank Block

St. Johnsbury, Vermont

### LOCAL GATHERINGS

The following letters are advertised for the week ending Jan. 2: Ladies—Miss Gladys Allen, Miss Ruby Alexander, Miss Nellie Haskell, Mrs. H. Wright, Gentlemen—Charles Bachus, Henry Badger, Earnest Daigle, H. E. Humphrey, N. N. Powers, Louis Surly.

The following letters are advertised for the week ending Jan. 9: Ladies—Mrs. Fannie Pickle, Mrs. C. F. Smith, Mrs. Grace Wood, Mrs. Henry Wilmarth, Gentlemen—N. B. Boynton, Pat Connors, Geo. E. Dickens, A. N. Lanphier, Alfred J. Lord.

Phillip A. Fletcher has bought Mrs. Charles J. Hamblett's house at 97 Main street and will take possession the first of February.

In publishing the divorce granted at the December term of Caledonia county court, the one granted to Josie Lemere vs. Arthur Lemere, for intolerable severity, was omitted.

The annual inspection of Company D, V. N. G., has been set for March 19, and the officer who will inspect is Lieut. Col. Beaumont B. Buck.

At the ninth annual show of the Vermont Poultry Association at Montpelier, H. B. Daniels carried off the following prizes out of his 49 entries: 21 first, 13 seconds, 11 thirds, 1 fourth, 1 fifth and 7 specials, including the 60-egg Buckeye incubator given by the Capital Hardware Company for the largest entry to the show.

St. John de Crevecoeur Chapter, D. A. R., met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Homer B. Carpenter. A business meeting was held and Mrs. Perley F. Hazen read a paper on "Historic Trails and Highways in Vermont." At the close of the meeting the hostess served refreshments.

A. C. Hunt has sold his farm at Spaulding Neighborhood to Henry Massey, consideration \$2,000.

Not only did the Caledonian make a mistake in the score of the F. C. A. basketball game at Groveton, N. H., New Year's day, giving it as 36 to 1 when it should have been 36 to 32, but the F. C. A. team has never been defeated by such a score in its entire history. Keep your eye on the game Friday night, Shamrocks vs. F. C. A.

Clerk F. S. Platt was here Thursday and granted first naturalization papers to eight applicants and second papers to 25. On Thursday of this week Judge F. L. Martin will be at the Court House at 1:30 to complete naturalizations.

The Passumpsic bank holds its annual meeting today for the election of officers. It has declared its usual dividend of 4 per cent.

Cease your lamentations and Advertise.

### Ready-to-Wear Shop

#### January Bargains

During this week we are cleaning up on a Ten Days' Sale that is for the purpose of clearing our racks and cases of Coats, Suits, Dresses, Sweaters, Separate Skirts and Silk Petticoats

We are determined to clean up on these numbers before the spring goods arrive. The prices are absurdly LOW

MODISH WINTER COATS, some of them our best sellers this season, **\$3.00, 5.00, 10.00, 15.00**  
HANDSOME TAILORED SUITS, **\$5.00, 10.00, 15.00**  
SILK PETTICOATS, **\$2.98**, regular \$3.75 to 5.00  
SKIRTS, **\$2.50, 3.75**  
SILK and WOOL DRESSES, **\$5.00, 7.50, 10.00**  
SWEATERS, **\$2.50, 3.75, 5.00**  
CREPE and FLEECE KIMONAS, **\$1.25**  
SMART SET and NEMO CORSETS, **98c, \$1.98**  
Regular \$4 to \$6

1-3 Off on all Furs

### Ready-to-Wear-Shop

39 Railroad Street

### AS BRADSTREET'S SEES IT Gives Review of Last Year's Business and Predicts Worst is Over.

Nineteen hundred and fourteen was a period of disquiet, of disappointment and alarm at home and of cruel stress and tribulation abroad. In view of the wide range of hostilities, with all its consequences upon the finances, trade and industry alike of belligerents and neutrals, it seems like ancient history to speak now of the starting point of the present trouble in the autumn of 1912. And yet the toppling of the laboriously built up structure of commerce seems to date from October of that year.

#### The Year at Home

Even without the war abroad, the year would have been a notable one in this country. New and untried measures, heretofore from the preceding year—such as the tariff, the income tax and the currency system—were put into operation. In addition the legislative mill ground steadily, and the federal trade board act, the anti-trust law and the prohibition of interlocking directorates were among the year's products of uncertain force and meaning. The banks, facing the going into effect of the new reserve system, kept their assets liquid, credits were closely scanned and new enterprises, were, as a rule discouraged.

#### Measures of Movements

Securities markets were, with fitful exceptions, under pressure in the first seven months and closed throughout most of the last five months. Dealings heavily reduced as they were, hardly made fair comparison with normal years, therefore. Stock sales fell 42 per cent and bond transactions 4.7 per cent from the much reduced totals of 1913. Foreign liquidations of our securities were reflected in the largest gold exports ever recorded. Issues of new capital in 1914 were 13.8 per cent below 1913 and 33 per cent below 1912; municipal bond issues fell 22 and 14 per cent behind and incorporations fell off 46 and 62 per cent from 1913 and 1912, respectively. Foreign trade was irregular. Exports fell heavily, 15.6 per cent from 1913, because of lessened buying of our goods early, and later because of the practical stoppage of cotton sales and exports. Imports were reduced very slightly; food products and raw materials showed large gains. Argentine meat and corn penetrated our markets, the latter even reaching our American corn belt. Building expenditures reflected the refusal of capital to meet enterprises as much as overbuilding in the larger centers in a decrease of 10 per cent following a seven per cent decrease the year before.

Industrial outputs showed relatively greater losses than did the trade, possibly because of the prevalence of record capacities for 1913. Cotton consumption, which for the season ending Aug. 31, broke all records, fell 9.3 behind in the first four months of the new season. Woolen manufacturing gained somewhat, though forcing demand did not offset domestic dullness, and wool prices were higher than for years, despite free wool. Pig iron production declined 25 per cent, lake iron shipments 35 per cent and anthracite coal production 1.2 per cent, but petroleum output broke all records, gaining 17.7 per cent over the high record for 1913.

In agricultural line the years results were good, except for war's injury to cotton prices.

**Failures**

Those records of the court of last report in the business world made an unenviable record in the year 1914. The total was the largest recorded, exceeding 1913 by 14.6 per cent, while liabilities were 23 per cent higher. They also exceeded 1893, the highest record year by 7.5 per cent, but the liabilities were 7 per cent below 1907 and 1893, the two years of evil preeminence in failure damage. As to the increase over 1893 in number, however, it might be remarked that the number of those in business was 65 per cent greater than twenty-one years ago, though only 13 per cent larger than in 1908, whose number it exceeded by 18 per cent. Financial mortality, those some shining marks. Three per cent of all failures contributing 55 per cent of all liabilities, and one concern furnished ten per cent of all liabilities, while bank suspensions accounted for an equal proportion. The damage due to large failures was, however, not so marked as in 1907. December failures broke all records as to number.

#### Looking Forward

With the results of 1914, that "year of a hundred years" in mind, one would be rash who would pin himself down to hard and fast predictions as to the course of 1915 trade. On the stock market theory that all bad news is out, any possible changes would seem for the better. It needs to be remembered that following the first crash of hostilities and the succeeding recuperation the effect of the immense war expenditures has been a stimulating one and European as well as American industries catering to war conditions have been accelerated.

The lot of the neutral in the war is not an altogether pleasant one—we in this country have felt this already—but as the leading neutral country, a position which it is hoped we will retain, we seem destined to fall heir to much of Europe's lost trade. On the surface of things it might be said that we have completed in the form of bankruptcies a vast volume of liquidation, that hurtful as it has been, will not need to be done over again. Our crops have been large, and even with the loss in cotton, have brought nearly as much money as the as much money as the best of previous years.

All in all, the American business men seems justified in taking leave of 1914 with few regrets and more hopes than seemed possible at so disturbed periods in the recent past.

The 25 cent piece was made famous by the American Liver Tablets, the perfect laxative.

Wake Up and Advertise. The Mail Order House gets the trade that should be yours by Advertising.

## A Belgian War Romance

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

One quiet evening in the summer of 1913 a pair of young lovers stood on a bridge that crossed the river Lys, in Belgium. They were there for a parting. The young man was to leave for the coast early the next morning and thence for America. Nothing could be more peaceful than the scene about them. A young moon stood in the west. If an occasional breeze stirred the leaves on the trees they were stirred lightly. As for sound, there was only a slight gurgle beneath them as the current passed the abutment of the bridge.

"Mina," said the young man, "cheer up. It will not be long before in America I shall have saved enough money to send for you. That we may have a definite time to be reunited I promise you that one year from today, if not before, you shall receive the passage money to bring you to me."

"And I, Hans, will work and save so that if you do not succeed in gaining enough to send for me I may have enough for the journey."

When the year had passed a great change had come over Belgium. The Germans were pouring into the country from the east, the French from the south. Wilhelmmina had received letters from her lover in New York that money would be sent her for her passage, but before it was dispatched the war had stopped the mails.

On the anniversary of their parting, at evening, Wilhelmmina went to the bridge on which they had stood a year before. It was now a ruin, more than half of it having been destroyed. Here and there across the fields were flashes, followed by a distant roar of guns, while searchlights sent their columns of light across the sky like the tails of nearby comets.

What should she do? Her home had been that day in the line of fire and was a ruin. Before leaving it she had snatched up her savings, and these she had with her. Standing there in the identical spot where she had stood in quiet with her lover, she resolved to go to him if possible.

There was no way of announcing her coming beforehand. She had neither writing materials nor a way to send a letter. Indeed, it was doubtful if even she could break through the line of war to reach the coast. And if she arrived at a port would she find a vessel? Nevertheless she turned her face toward Holland and set off in the darkness.

Her adventures are a long story by itself. Fortune favoring, she reached Rotterdam in safety and there found that she had the means to buy a steerage ticket on an outgoing steamer to New York.

On the arrival of the vessel the emigrants were landed at Ellis island, and Wilhelmmina among others was brought before the immigration commissioners. There she was asked how she would be provided for in America, and when she said that she had no money she was told that she would be sent back to Holland.

Her modesty, the consciousness that she was coming to marry a man without a special bidding, had caused her to conceal what she expected. Besides, suppose Hans had changed! But the prospect of being sent back to a land running in blood, where even the little home in which she had been born and always lived had been leveled, overcame her reticence, and she told a love story that no pen, however inspired, could put on paper.

"Hans must be found!"

Such were the instructions given to a messenger, who departed on his errand.

There is a committee of Belgians in New York whose purpose it is to look after their incoming fellow countrymen. The head of the committee was found, and he in turn started a hunt for Hans.

Ever since the war had broken out Hans had been anxious about his Wilhelmmina. He had not dared to send her his savings for fear they would be lost. Indeed, one of the troubles brought on by the war was the inability to send funds to Europe. He had written her, but without expectation that she would receive his letters. As to receiving letters from her, he had no faith in that either.

Hans was at work one afternoon when a fellow workman came to him and told him that the boss wished to see him in the office. Hans laid down his tools and reported as directed. He found beside the boss a man, who asked him:

"Are you Hans Wichtel?"

"I am."

"There is a girl on Ellis island who came over from Belgium. She says you will marry her."

"Mina?"

"She says her name is Wilhelmmina."

"Marry her? Of course I will marry her. Where can I find her?"

Hans wished to go at once to Ellis island, but suddenly remembering that a man in overalls was not in wedding costume, he tidied himself up, then set off to join his sweetheart.

If the authorities had any doubt about Wilhelmmina's story it was dispelled by the fervent embrace of the bride. But Uncle Sam's emigrant officials take no man's promise of marriage, and there are no breaches of promise in his large family. A man went with the couple to the city hall in New York, where a license was procured. Then the pair went to the office of the Belgian committee, where the marriage ceremony was performed.

### Peacham

Frank Colby at Brightlook Hospital in Serious Condition—Social and Personal Events.

(Mrs. W. S. Sanborn, Correspondent)

Frank Colby, who lives at the North Part, alone went to the home of Robert Craig last Tuesday morning between 2 and 3 o'clock. He had on his overcoat but no cap and had on only one legging, but wore rubbers. He was very much out of his head. Mr. Craig's folks got up and took him in and did what they could to make him comfortable. They sent for Dr. Pache, and the next day, Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Pache and Mr. Colby's daughter, Mrs. Helen Ward of North Danville, came and took him to Brightlook Hospital where at last reports he was failing.

Quite a number attended the dinner and installation of officers of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. at Barnet Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hobart are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Hobart's at Newbury.

The annual church dinner and business meeting will be held at the church Thursday, Jan. 14. Dinner will be served at 12 o'clock.

Harry Henderson of East St. Johnsbury is stopping at Peter Gosnell's.

About 20 of the neighbors of Fred and George Varnum gathered at their home Thursday evening and a very pleasant social time was enjoyed. Sandwiches, cake, doughnuts and coffee were served and the evening passed with games. Last week was observed as week of prayer and meetings were held at George Clark's Tuesday evening at which 22 were present and at Harry Welch's Friday evening.

Rev. Mr. Lowe preached at the Methodist Church Sunday.

Agnes Craig is spending the week at James Stevenson's.

The East Peacham Whist Club met Saturday evening, Jan. 9, and reorganized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peak. The officers elected were as follows: President, Alfred E. Peak; vice-president, James Stevenson; secretary, Mrs. Rena Hunter. Arthur Peak played in place of Mark Abbott, who was unable to be present and won 1st prize. John Lamb won second prize. Refreshments of cake, coffee and doughnuts were served.

Arthur Peak, Rose Davis and Ralph Davis were home from Watford Sunday.

Miss Stella Wilson of Walden is visiting friends in town.

School at Ewells began Monday morning after a two weeks' vacation from chicken pox. There are no new cases and all are on the gain.

Mrs. John Chandler and George Chandler are recovering from mumps.

Mrs. George Smith visited at Allen Bartlett's in Danville Sunday.

### WELLS RIVER

The 30th Installation of G. A. R. and W. R. C. Officers—Personals

(Mrs. M. Goodwin, Correspondent)

Installation of G. A. R. and W. R. C. officers took place Wednesday evening, Jan. 7. George Barnet installed the past officers and Past Dept. Pres. Mrs. Mary B. Goodwin, the corps officers. With families of both organizations and invited guests, there were some over 80 present. After the installation ceremonies, an interesting program was given consisting of vocal solos by Ida B. Larow, Miss Jennie Gray and Claude Hinman. These were followed by remarks by W. H. Buck, Rev. Donald Fraser, Dr. Blood, Mr. Harris and C. C. Scales. Mrs. Good-

win then gave a few statistics regarding the corps, that this was the 30th installation of officers. She has been present at every one, and at every annual meeting for the election of officers except one. She stated that there were only three members besides herself present that were at the first installation and those were Mrs. Abbey George, Mrs. Adelia M. Johnson and Miss C. A. Gale.

Although a small corps in a small place, no corps in the state has been more highly or more frequently honored by department officers than had Col. Preston. The meeting closed by the singing of American and the turning of flags. Mrs. Elizabeth B. Wheeler, retiring president, was presented with a bouquet of carnations. Refreshments were served to the large assembly by the executive committee and all said it was the most pleasing social event of the season.

Miss Jennie Gray of Bradford was in town Wednesday to attend W. R. C. meeting.

Mrs. Sheldon underwent a successful surgical operation Monday and is getting along finely.

Miss Bernice Baldwin is visiting friends in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant are spending a few weeks in Barre with their daughter.

Mrs. George Wheeler of White River Junction came last week Tuesday to be here Wednesday at the W. R. C. meeting. Mr. Wheeler came up Saturday and they stayed over Sunday. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. Powers.

Installation of officers in Arbutus Rebekah Lodge will occur this week Friday evening.

A. H. Bailey has been confined to the house the past week by an attack of the grip.

Dr. Munsell came home Monday having spent Sunday in Springfield with his daughter, Mrs. Root.

### EAST ST. JOHNSBURY

(Mrs. G. W. Dodge, Correspondent)

Miss Helen Fisher very pleasantly entertained about a dozen of her young friends at the parsonage Friday evening.

Mrs. H. H. Moulton, who has been at the home of her son in Orleans, is home for the winter.

Miss Maria Lee has gone to Boston for a business course in Burdett's College.

We regret to hear that Perley Severance, formerly of this town, but now of San Bernardino, Cal., was the victim of an automobile accident a few weeks ago. His many friends in this place hope he has fully recovered from his injuries.

The V. I. S. will give an oyster supper in the vestry next week Thursday evening, Jan. 21.

At the annual V. I. S. meeting held last Monday evening, the following officers were elected: President, Charles Wark; vice-president, B. K. Graves; secretary, Miss Abbie Smith; treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Winslow; social committee, Mrs. H. F. Griswold, Mrs. G. W. Dodge and Mrs. B. K. Graves.

At the annual meeting of the Congregational Church held last Wednesday the following officers were elected: Clerk, G. I. Copp; deacons, Charles Owens, G. I. Copp and Wilder Cushman; wardens, Charles Wark, S. L. Grant and Wilber Cushman; executive committee, Henry Ranney; treasurer, Irving Locke; auditor, Charles Wark; Sunday school superintendent, Irving Locke. The outlook for the church for the coming year is very encouraging, both from the financial and spiritual standpoint.

Good advertising sells goods. Bring us your work.

### LYNDON

(Mrs. E. F. Young, Correspondent)

Mrs. Ernest Rickaby and two children of Newport have been visiting at S. C. Trefren's.

Tom Craig is very sick, threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. Harriet Colby is spending the winter with her daughters at Beverly, Mass. Miss Emma Mead is boarding with Mrs. Colby.

Miss May Davison has been visiting her parents in Danville.

Mrs. Sarah Goslin was operated on at Brightlook Hospital for a tumor and is very comfortable.

Scott Brooks of Orleans spent Sunday with his cousin, Ray Crawford. Dexter Grant is out of school for a few days with inflammation in his eye.

W. T. Morse and two children Ralph and Louise, left Sunday afternoon on a trip to Ohio and other western points.

Miss Angie Hunter is recovering from an attack of grip.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Smith leave this week for Northfield, where they will stay a while with Mr. Smith's sister, who is in very poor health.

Eva Torrant and Lila Sherburne of St. Johnsbury have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. O. J. Leonard.

Little Jennie Trefren is sick with scarlet fever. Little Clara and Miss Bernice Trefren are stopping at their grandparents, C. Trefren's at Lyndonville.

Mrs. James Drown, who has been in failing health for some time is confined to her bed. Her niece, Miss Andrews of Manitoba, is caring for her.

Edward Ashe is moving his family back here from his farm on Bemis Hill.

Freddie Greenwood, age 12 years, died at his home in Red Village last Friday forenoon after an illness of about a week with diphtheria.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

Recital of Christmas Music at Summer Street School.

On Thursday evening, Jan. 7, the pupils of the eighth advanced and ninth grades of the Summer street school gave a recital of Christmas music in the upper hall of the new south building. The chorus was conducted by Miss Brownell, teacher of music in the public schools, and all the numbers were greatly appreciated. A very interesting feature of the program was the work of the school orchestra which has recently been organized under the leadership of Miss Robinson. The orchestra consists of 14 pieces and the selections rendered by it were very well received. The attendance was very good and after the program many of the parents inspected the domestic science and manual training rooms.

The following is the program: Orchestra, Jingle Bells, Mazurka; Oh! Come All Ye Faithful, chorus; Christmas Hymn, chorus; Medley, drum, Matilda Howe; Nazareth, chorus, violin, acc., by Grace Rodliffe; selection from Il Trovatore, Melvin Lynch, cornet solo; The Lord is Mindful of His Own, chorus; Polonaise, Grace Rodliffe, violin solo; Send Out Thy Light, chorus, violin acc. Grace Rodliffe; The Heavens are Telling, chorus; Holy Night, chorus, violin acc., Grace Rodliffe.

### LOWER WATERFORD

(Mrs. G. A. Ballou, Correspondent.)

The sick ones in this vicinity are all on the gain.

There were 89 at church Sunday. Rev. E. E. Grant gave a sermon on the Devil.

Joseph Morrison spent Sunday with his brother at Pittsford.

Henry Morrison has a sick horse.

F. C. Bullock was home over Sunday from Montpelier.

## DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CAR.

Will be shown in this city for the first time Wednesday afternoon at 1.30, in the Salesroom of The Wright Garage, corner Railroad and Portland Sts., until Saturday P. M., when it will be put on the road demonstrating.

### The Caledonia Auto Co.

Tel. 132